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<u>VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING</u> <u>SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b))</u> SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the small business concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN:

MIONIX Corporation

ADDRESS OF CONCERN:

1376 Lead Hill Blvd., Suite 130

Roseville, California 95661

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those employees of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled "HIGHLY ACIDIC METALATED ORGANIC ACID", by Maurice Clarence Kemp, Robert Blaine Lalum, David E. Lewis, and Robert H. Carpenter, described in the specification executed 9/05/2000.

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application for patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

MIONIX Corporation

Michael Anthony Cunha Chief Executive Officer

Date: 11.29.2000